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T. S. ELIOT

A COOKING EGG

PIPIT sate upright in her chair
Some distance from where I was sitting ;
Views of the Oxford Colleges
Lay on the table, with the knitting.

Daguerreotypes and silhouettes,
Her grandfather and great-great-aunts,
Supported on the mantelpiece
An Invitation to the Dance.

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I shall not want Honour in Heaven,
For I shall meet Sir Philip Sidney
And have talk with Coriolanus
And other heroes of his kidney.

I shall not want Capital in Heaven,
For I shall meet Sir Alfred Mond,
We two shall lie together, lapt
In a five per cent Exchequer Bond.

I shall not want Society in Heaven,
Lucrezia Borgia shall be my Bride ;
Her anecdotes will be more amusing
Than Pipit's memory could provide.

I shall not want Pipit in Heaven :
Madame Blavatsky shall instruct me
In the Seven Sacred Trances ;
Piccarda de' Donati will conduct me . . .

But where is the penny world I bought
To eat with Pipit behind the screen ?
The red-eyed scavengers are creeping
From Kentish Town and Golder's Green.

Where are the eagles and the trumpets ?

Buried beneath some snow deep Alps.
Over buttered scones and crumpets
Weeping, weeping multitudes
Droop in a hundred A.B.C.'s.

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